DOUGLASS TAYLOR, ADMINISTRATOR OF CYRUS JONES, DECEASED.

LETTER FROM THE ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE COURT OF CLAIMS, TRANSMITTING A COPY OF THE FINDINGS FILED BY THE COURT IN THE CASE OF DOUGLAS TAYLOR, ADMINISTRATOR OF CYRUS JONES, DECEASED, AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.

January 28, 1903.—Referred to the Committee on War Claims and ordered to be printed.

COURT OF CLAIMS, CLERK'S OFFICE, Washington, January 28, 1903.

Sir: Pursuant to the order of the court I transmit herewith a certified copy of the findings filed by the court in the aforesaid cause, which case was referred to this court by the Committee on War Claims House of Representatives, under the act of March 3, 1883.

I am, very respectfully, yours, etc.,

John Randolph, Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.

Hon. David B. Henderson, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

[Court of Cliam. Congressional, No. 9450. Douglass Taylor, administrator of Cyrus Jones, deceased, v. The United States.]

This case, being a claim for supplies or stores alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, the court, on a preliminary inquiry, finds that Cyrus Jones, deceased, the person alleged to have furnished such supplies or stores, or from whom the same are alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war.

BY THE COURT.

Filed May 14, 1900.

[Court of Claims. Congressional case No. 9450. Douglass Taylor, administrator Cyrus Jones, deceased, v. The United States.]

STATEMENT OF CASE.

The claim in the above-entitled case for supplies or stores alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion was transmitted to the court by the Committee on War Claims of the House of Representatives on the 3d day of June, 1896.

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On a preliminary inquiry the court, on the 14th day of May, 1900, found that the person alleged to have furnished the supplies or stores, or from whom they were alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war.

The case was brought to a hearing on its merits on the 21st day of May, 1902. Gilbert Moyers, esq., appeared for claimant, and the Attorney-General, by George H. Walker, esq., his assistant and under his direction, appeared for the defense and protection of the interests of the United States.

The claimant in his petition makes the following allegations: That he is a citizen of the United States residing in Madison County, State of Alabama, where decedent resided during the late war of the rebellion; that at different times during said period the United States forces, by proper authority, took from him quartermaster stores and commissary supplies of the value of \$4,043.90, and appropriated the same to the use of the U.S. Army, as follows:

Two gray horses, 7 years old, each \$170	\$340.00
One roan mare, 6 years old	150.00
Two mouse-colored mare mules, 3 years old, \$140	280.00
One mouse-colored horse, 6 years old	140.00
One sorrel horse mule, 6 years old	125.00
One iron-gray horse, 9 years old	100.00
One iron-gray horse, 5 years old	150.00
One black horse, 5 years old	150.00
One bay horse, 7 years old	120.00
One clay-bank horse, 6 years old	130.00
One bay stallion, 6 years old	250.00
One iron-gray horse, 6 years old	150.00
One white horse mule, 6 years old	110.00
One mouse-colored horse mule, 6 years old	120.00
One bay horse, 6 years old	130.00
16,555 pounds pork, at 8 cents	1, 324, 40
80 bushels corn, at 60 cents	48.00
5,500 pounds fodder, at 1½ cents	82.50
6,000 pounds fodder, at $1\frac{\pi}{2}$ cents	90.00
90 bushels corn, at 60 cents	54.00
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The court, upon the evidence, and after considering the briefs and arguments of counsel on both sides, makes the following

FINDING OF FACTS.

There was taken from the claimant's decedent, in Madison County, State of Alabama, during the war of the rebellion, by the military forces of the United States, for the use of the Army, property of the kind and character above described, which was then and there reasonably worth the sum of six hundred and five dollars (\$605).

No payment appears to have been made therefor. BY THE COURT.

Filed June 23, 1902. A true copy. Test this 27th day of January, 1903. [SEAL.]

JOHN RANDOLPH, Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.